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ANOTHER GLASS FACTORY KNOCKING AT DOORS OF CITY

Meeting of Monday Night Uncovers Many Facts in Industrial City

The magnitude and wide range of activity possible for Torrance was unfolded leaf by leaf last Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Legion Hall as the different reports and correspondence were delved into. Lack of funds is the only thing that hinders the few live ones of this chamber from turning the town upside down, as the desire to obtain more factories is the paramount issue with several who are anxious to keep Torrance in the front ranks of industry.

Letters from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses were read with several others from the California Development Board, whose correspondence asked for membership affiliation. A. H. Bartlett reported for the Fiesta and said there was \$235 in the treasury, with material assets of over \$300, with \$100 in money due yet from certain concessions. G. A. Proctor, mayor of this city, reported for several committees, principal of which were of the meeting he had attended two weeks ago in Los Angeles of the City Planning Commission, and was pleased to note the desire of Los Angeles to co-operate in every way with outlying districts in furtherance of the growth of Southern California. He also said he had attended a meeting of the Anti-Annexation League and that it was decided to make this club a permanent organization, with dues at \$5 per month. Moneys from this source will be used in propaganda to get off annexation, but each district must pay for its own attorney. Torrance joined the society. Mr. Proctor urged recommended that the Chamber of Commerce do all in its power to work in harmony with the Dominguez Land Corporation in interesting factories to locate in Torrance. A letter to this effect will be written by the secretary.

Mr. Bartlett stated that he had been in touch with officials of another glass factory who desired to spend \$25,000 in erecting and equipping a factory, and would require several acres of land, employ a hundred men and would be in shape to operate within sixty days. The result of the conference would be learned this morning. A letter to the Road Department was ordered, requesting officials to send a gang of men to Torrance and repair the chuck holes in the pavement of Carson street, which have become not only dangerous to motorists, but are ruining the pavement.

The secretary was asked to confer with the Dominguez Land Corporation relative to literature for Torrance, as the demand from outside cities was becoming urgent and that nothing of the kind was available at present. City Engineer Postel said that soon Arlington street (Western avenue) would be dedicated to the City of Torrance.

W. B. A. OF MACABEES

The regular meeting of the Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees met Tuesday evening, November 8, at Legion hall. An entertainment is to be given Tuesday evening, November 29 at the same hall when a mixed program of good talent will be rendered. Tickets are 25c. The association has decided to organize a junior society, and all children whose parents are members of the W. B. A. are eligible to join, whose ages are from two to sixteen years. Insurance privileges are a part of the society's many benefits. The officers of the order are all children under the supervision of the Macabees. The local branch is called the "Court of the Rose," and will be the first one organized in Southern California.

THIMBLE CLUB

The Torrance Thimble Club met with Mrs. P. F. Brown of Arlington avenue Wednesday afternoon. The ladies worked on a layette to be used by the Torrance Relief Society in case of need. The hostess served dainty refreshments of pineapple sherbet and cake.

BUY TRANSFER BUSINESS

Claude Tolson, former driver of a Union Tool truck, and Clarence Fix bought out a transfer business this week which runs between Los Angeles and Huntington Beach.

MRS. KUECHLER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. N. C. Kuechler of Redondo Beach passed away Sunday at one o'clock from peritonitis. She has been an employee of the Union Tool since the death of her husband, Lewis Kuechler, who died two years ago during the influenza epidemic.

She leaves two children, Lois seven and Carl five years old; a mother and brother in the east and a brother, Homer Weisberger, of Los Angeles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Cate undertaking parlors, Redondo Beach, interment being at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

The school has been observing Good English Week in a unique way during the last week. Each pupil was provided with a tag and anyone who heard him use improper English was privileged to place his initials upon that pupil's tag. At the end of each day all pupils who had a clean tag were given a white tag for the next day, but those having the most errors recorded against them were forced to carry a green emblem on the day following.

The week is to culminate with a special program on Thursday afternoon. Each class is to provide some special number and many interesting songs and skits are being worked up.

Several exciting interclass games of indoor baseball have been played during the last week. The seventh grade boys retailed by defeating the sixth grade boys. The eighth grade girls, who had formerly beaten the seventh grade girls, then challenged the sixth grade, and this game will be completed next week. In the meantime the seventh grade girls have had a second game in which they have managed to tie the score with the sixth grade.

The physical training classes are spending time each week in Decathlon events to find the record of each boy and girl in events testing general athletic ability.

The Board of Education has decided to permit the Parent-Teacher Association to accept a penny offering from the school children and to use this money to keep children in school who would otherwise have to stop and go to work in order to help support the family. The children whose parents approve of this are allowed to give the penny. Next week the Torrance children will do their part in this drive.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

All residents and property owners in Tract 4070 and those owning property on the south side of Sixteenth street are hereby invited to meet with the trustees and city officials Monday evening, November 14, at 7:30 p. m. at the Dominguez Land Corporation tract office on El Prado street. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the bid received for street work and to secure instructions as to further procedure.

(Signed)
J. M. FITZHUGH,
Streets, sewers and parks committee,
Board of Trustees, City of Torrance.

REGULAR MEETING OF O. E. S.

The regular meeting of the Torrance Chapter of the O. E. S. No. 380 was held Thursday night, Nov. 3, in the Masonic Hall. There was a full attendance and initiation.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 8, a delegation from the Torrance Chapter visited San Pedro Chapter, it being their annual election.

The meeting for the Torrance Chapter election of officers was held last evening, Nov. 10. A large crowd was present and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mary E. Perkins of Gramercy avenue, spent Thursday with Mrs. H. Black of Anapola street.

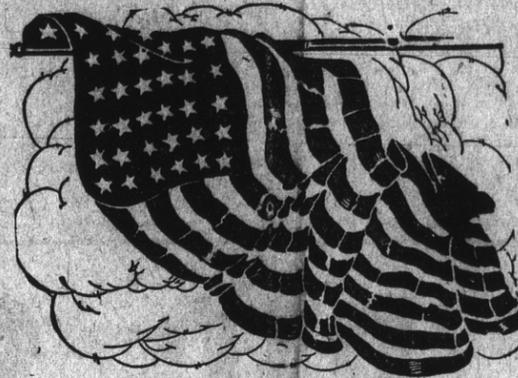
Red Cross Drive, Nov. 14-24

ARMISTICE DAY, NOVEMBER 11 A HOLY DAY—NOT A HOLIDAY



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CITY OF TORRANCE, NOVEMBER 8, 1921

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE:

WHEREAS The Legislature of the State of California has established November 11 of each year as a legal holiday to be observed as such throughout the State of California, and

WHEREAS The President of the United States has by proclamation declared November 11, 1921, a legal holiday to be especially and most fittingly observed throughout the United States by two minutes of silent prayer, from 12:00 o'clock noon until 12:02 P. M. (Washington time) during which time the body of the unknown American soldier will be lowered to its last resting place in Arlington National Cemetery;

WHEREFORE The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance most earnestly request the Citizens of Torrance to sincerely and reverently observe the President's said proclamation from the hour of 9:00 A. M. until 9:02 A. M. on the 11th day of November, 1921. And said board does further request that the business houses of the City of Torrance close their doors during at least a portion of said day; all in a spirit of reverence for those who gave their lives for mankind during the world war, and in a spirit of thanksgiving for the triumph of the right on that day of which November 11, 1921, is the third anniversary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

By GEO. A. PROCTOR, President.

PRESIDENT HARDING ISSUES PROCLAMATION URGING ALL TO PAY TRIBUTE ON NOVEMBER 11

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—A proclamation setting aside November 11 as a legal holiday "as a mark of respect to the memory of those who gave their lives in the World War, as typified by the unknown and unidentified American soldier who is to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on that day," has been issued by President Harding. It follows:

"By the President of the United States, a Proclamation: Whereas a joint resolution of Congress, approved November 4, 1921, to declare November 11, 1921, a legal public holiday, provides as follows:

"Whereas Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, has been designated as the appropriate time for the ceremonies incident to the burial of the unknown and unidentified American soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery; and

"MANHOOD OF AMERICA. "Whereas this unknown soldier represents the manhood of America who gave their lives to defend its integrity, honor and tranquility against an enemy; and

"Whereas the nations of the earth are on that date joining with the United States in paying respect and homage to this unknown soldier; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Senate and the House, that the President is hereby authorized to issue a proclamation declaring November 11, 1921, a holiday, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who gave their lives in the World War, as typified by the unknown and unidentified American soldier who is to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on that date, and the President is respectfully requested to recommend to the Governors of the several States that proclamations be issued by them calling on their people to pause in their pursuits as a mark of respect on this solemn occasion."

AS MARK OF RESPECT. "Now, therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, in pursuance of the said joint resolution of Congress, do hereby declare November 11, 1921, a holiday, as a mark of respect to the memory of those who gave their lives in the late World War, as typified by the unknown and unidentified American soldier, who is to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on that day; and do hereby recommend to the Governors of the several States that proclamations be issued by them calling on the people of their States to pause in their usual pursuits as a mark of respect on this solemn occasion."

SOLEMNITY EMPHASIZED. "And, in order that the solemnity of the occasion may be further emphasized, I do hereby furthermore recommend that all public and church bells throughout the United States be tolled at intervals between 11:45 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock noon of the said day, and that from 12 o'clock noon to two minutes past that hour, Washington time, all devout and patriotic citizens of the United States indulge in a period of silent thanks to God for these valuable, valorous lives and of supplication for His Divine mercy and for His blessing upon our beloved country."

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-sixth.

"WARREN G. HARDING."

"By the President,

"CHARLES E. HUGHES,
Secretary of State."

NEW GARAGE FOR TORRANCE

Contracts are let for a large garage on Cabrillo avenue, adjoining the Fess Grocery, C. E. Raymond, a recent new comer to Torrance from Washington, has purchased this building property and will erect a garage 133 feet by 65 feet. Work is to begin immediately.

CAMPING PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. E. Folsom of Torrance Park, the Misses Alice and Clara Johnson and Russell and Stuart Lunstrum camped Saturday and Sunday in the mountains on the North side of Mt. Baldy.

TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club was held on Monday, Nov. 7, at half-past two o'clock in the Legion Hall. Mrs. Otley, first vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Stock, and after all business had been transacted a very pleasurable program was opened with current events, given by Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Milburn and Mrs. Barnard. Following this the ladies' trio, Mrs. Briney, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Neelands, sang "Morning" and Mrs. Steinhilber read a most instructive paper on the Panama Canal. The next number, a piano solo by Miss Lucile Howe, had to be postponed until the piano could be repaired, and the program closed with a lovely cradle song, "Hushen," rendered by the ladies' trio.

The anticipated visit of Mrs. Final, former chairman of the Federation secretaries, has been arranged for a call meeting next Monday, the 14th, and all members are urged to come and make this an enthusiastic session.

RED CROSS DRIVE, NOV. 14-24

Mayor G. A. Proctor has been appointed local chairman of the Red Cross and announces that efforts will be made for renewals of memberships between November 14 and 24. A call for volunteer workers for this worthy cause has been made and committees will be appointed to take charge of the work, and in this way those desiring to serve may do so and not work a hardship on anyone. Relay workers have been arranged in other cities so that a certain number of volunteers may be in the field at all times, covering the district thoroughly.

Words of praise for the Red Cross or any argument set forth urging you to join seems superfluous. The words Red Cross carry with them so much that you cannot speak or think of them, except connecting them with mercy. In times of distress, sickness or peril, whether it be individual or nation, the Red Cross is the first aid, always at hand offering succor and comfort. The "Greatest Mother of Them All" braves everything to relieve suffering and care for the wretched and maimed. It knows no creed, color or faction—its object on earth is divine.

P. T. A. HOLD OPEN MEETING

The Torrance Parent Teacher Association gave an open meeting and entertainment Wednesday evening at the school. Mr. James Polk from the public defender's office, spoke on prison life and the lives of criminals. Mr. Polk spends his life among these people and helps them to find positions when out of their confinement. Besides this most interesting lecture, selections were rendered by the Torrance Male Glee and the Ladies' Trio, which were very much enjoyed and appreciated. Mr. Barnette spoke on night school and wishes that anyone who desires to attend would notify him. This is an opportunity for the adults of Torrance and there are courses in mathematics, book-keeping and typing, mechanical drawing, millinery and dressmaking. A number have already signed up for some of this work. It is necessary to have seventeen in each class to warrant the extra expense of a teacher. The attendance cannot be less than three nights a week.

The P. T. A. held a special called meeting Thursday afternoon to arrange for the payment of the new moving picture machine and to appoint some one to attend to this matter.

Red Cross Drive, Nov. 14-24

TRUSTEES FAVOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF LONE BID

Special Session Receives Reports of City Engineer and Recommendations

All members of the Board of Trustees and officials met in special session Tuesday evening called to hear the report and recommendations of the city engineer on the lone bid received on the proposed street improvement in Vista Highlands.

Mr. Postle reported that prices stipulated in the bid were fair in comparison with similar current work, and gave as his opinion the reason for receiving but one bid the fact that on certain corner lots the amount of bond against those lots ran so high because of the assessment of the work on both front and side streets that the ordinary bond house through which the contractor would dispose of his bonds was not interested.

He also reported that Mr. Beckford, the bidder, was well recommended as a contractor, and had such financial backing that he was readily able to handle the bonds contemplated.

Mr. Postle then spoke of the responsibility of the board in accepting the single bid, but left this point to the decision of the board.

This brought out some argument, in which the majority of the board expressed themselves as of the opinion that it would be unbusiness-like for them to act on the expenditure of the required amount of money on a single bid without the direct instruction of the property owners, whom they have the responsibility to represent in the transaction.

In order to lay the figures fully before the people concerned, a motion was made and carried to call an open meeting in the Dominguez Land Co. Tract Office on El Prado street for Monday evening, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p. m., at which time the trustees will explain their position and receive instructions as to their procedure.

Routine business included the reading of an invitation from the county supervisors to the second meeting looking toward the organization of a Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Postle was continued on the committee from the Torrance trustees and President Proctor asked City Attorney Briney to attend the meeting in his stead if possible, also instructing the delegates to use every effort to make the organization a success, as it is believed great good can come of the idea if properly organized.

Mr. Stone of the police, light and fire committee reported that he, with the marshal, had investigated the purchase of a motorcycle, as instructed at the previous meeting, and made the recommendation that one machine which was offered, which was fully equipped and in good condition, be purchased for \$225. This was done, which serves as notice to those in a great hurry or speed crazy to "watch their step" on Torrance streets.

Mr. Stone also received authority of the board to proceed with the dismantling of street lights deemed unnecessary and to remove and store the white globes, which, though ornamental, are reducing the effective lighting an estimated twenty per cent. This action is recommended to cut the present light bill, and to still maintain sufficient and most effective street lighting.

OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton of Arlington avenue was the scene of a real "Old Maids' Convention" Saturday evening, when their daughter, Kathryn, entertained a number of her friends at a party. The girls all came dressed as old maids, and there was much merriment as each entered garbed in her original idea of a spinster. The time was spent in games, pulling taffy and popping corn. Those present were the Misses Marie Wright, Mary Alice Davis, Helen Reeves, Margaret Hannon, Jasmine Coker, Marie Coker, Verna Payne, Beatrice Wine, Iris Becklan, Ruth Beckwith, Florence Beckwith, Gertrude Miller, Frances Anderson, Elsie Schaefer, Kathryn and Jean Wheaton.